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Greetings, Washington Waterfowlers!

Hope everyone had a great Independence Day, and that everyone survived the heat wave. I have a couple items that I would like to speak to.

WA State Duck Calling Contest

After a year's hiatus, the **WWA** sponsored **2021 Washington State Duck and Goose Calling Contests** return and are almost upon us — scheduled for August 7, 2021, the first Saturday in August at the Sumner Sportsmen's Club. See Flyer on **Page 9** linked [here](#) and the **SW Chapter News** on **Page 8**. Come out with the family and enjoy a demonstration of some of the best calling in the Region!

Moses Lake Chapter

I excited to hear that **WWA-Moses Lake** had their first chapter meeting in a long time, and that a number of members and prospective members attended. It is great to see another **WWA** chapter reinvigorating and connecting with members. They will be meeting quarterly, with the next chapter meeting scheduled for September. Thank you to new **Chapter Chair Bruce Feagan** for your efforts and for stepping up to fill the void. Thanks also to **Robin Hickok** for your leadership over the years in just about every official **WWA** position from **Corporate President** to **Seattle** and later **Moses Lake Chapter Chairman**, and for the many post-work party **BBQ's** (that included oysters!) at your waterfront home on the lake.

Proposed Drayton Harbor No Shooting Zone

The discussion and vote regarding a proposed No Shooting Zone in **Drayton Harbor** have been delayed by the **Whatcom County Council** until the July 27th Council Meeting. At this point we are expecting that the motion will be changed from a no-shooting zone on the entire harbor to a no-shooting **buffer zone** within **1,000 feet** of the shoreline. As I understand it, most of the waterfowl hunting (predominately sea ducks) happens further out towards the middle of the harbor. Hopefully this issue finally will be put to rest, and waterfowlers will still maintain a meaningful hunting opportunity in the harbor. We are waiting for the final wording of an expected amended motion to be published before submitting any official comments on the revised motion.

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MISSION STATEMENT

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News for the Flock

2021 EVENTS CALENDAR

Tues, July 27	SW Chapter Meeting In Person , Tacoma Sportsmen's Club in the Education Building. See Page 8 .
Thurs, July 28	LC Chapter In Person Meeting See Page 12 .
Tues, Aug 3	Usual WH County Chapter Meeting Night. See Pages 6-7 .
Weds, Aug 4	WWA BOD Meeting Online Only — 7:00 p.m. All WWA Members Welcome to attend. Contact Corp Secretary, Bob Taylor, See Page 1 for a WebEx Online Invitation.
Thurs, Aug 5	GH Chapter Meeting, In Person; Evergreen Sportsmen's Club near Littlerock; 7 pm, See Pages 3-5 .
Sat, August 7	WA State Sanctioned Duck Calling & State Goose Calling Championships, Sumner Gun Club. See Flyer, Page 9 .
Weds, Aug 11	NW Chapter Meeting In Person ; Twin Cities Sportsmens Club Stanwood; 7 pm, See Page 13 .
Weds, Aug 25	Usual Seattle Chapter Meeting Night
Thurs, Aug 26	Usual LC Chapter Meeting Night
Sat, August 28	BROWNELL'S/NRA FREE Youth Trap Shoot; 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. American Legion Quincy Gun Club See Flyer, Page 11 .
Tues, Aug 31	Usual SW Chapter Meeting Night

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Hunter Mentorship Program

This year we will be continuing our **Hunter Mentorship Program**. (See Flyer on **Page 16**, linked [here](#)). With the positive feedback we received last year, I believe this program is vital to our membership recruitment, retention, and reactivation efforts.

Thank you to **Paul McGovern**, who has graciously agreed to take over as **Mentorship Coordinator** for the 2021-2022 season. If you have any questions, please reach out to **Paul** or me. Encourage your fellow members to join as mentors and promote this to new and non members.

All Chapters Meeting

Finally, we still plan on having an **All-Chapters Meeting** this year — delayed since May as we had originally planned. I will be sending an email to the chapter leaders to try to nail down the best possible future date.

For the Resource,

James Ono

WWA President

News for the Flock

Grays Harbor Chapter News

By: Kurt Snyder

Union River Blind Restoration Update

Hi All —

I want to start off by reporting on the “**Union River Blind Project (URBP)**.” I’ll start from the beginning to bring those that just tuned in, up-to-date.

Last year in August a new **WWA member, Grant Duchesne** contacted me enquiring about the blinds in the **Union River Unit of the South Sound Wildlife Area** located in **Lynch Cove, Hood Canal**. He sent me pictures that he took and was wondering who was in charge of the blinds, and how they could be fixed. They were in bad shape and pretty much unusable.

After several inquiries, I found out that the blinds were built about 2001. **The Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group (HCSEG)** had previously received an **ALEA (Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account)** grant for river delta improvement, and part of it was for the blind maintenance within the **South Sound Wildlife Area**.

I told myself that I was not going to get involved with these blinds unless we could drum up a bunch of volunteers before hand. Within a month I had 22 people volunteering to help, five (5) with boats!! Then we got several pledges for donations! I was wowed enough to go ahead with a plan.

The first thing we did was go out to the blind sites and survey what would be needed to make the blinds usable. We found the two floating blinds needed new decks, anchor chains and new enclosures with roofs. Lucky for us the original builders used premium lumber for the float structure and floats that could be used again. The two boat-in-only stick blinds were found to be barely adequate with rusty T-posts and fence wire enclosure and not located in the best spots.

The **URBP** was off to a good start. After pricing lumber and hardware, I estimated that we could rebuild the two (2) floating blinds for \$2039.79. With the \$400.00 grant money, we only needed \$1639.79. That estimate lasted almost two (2) months.

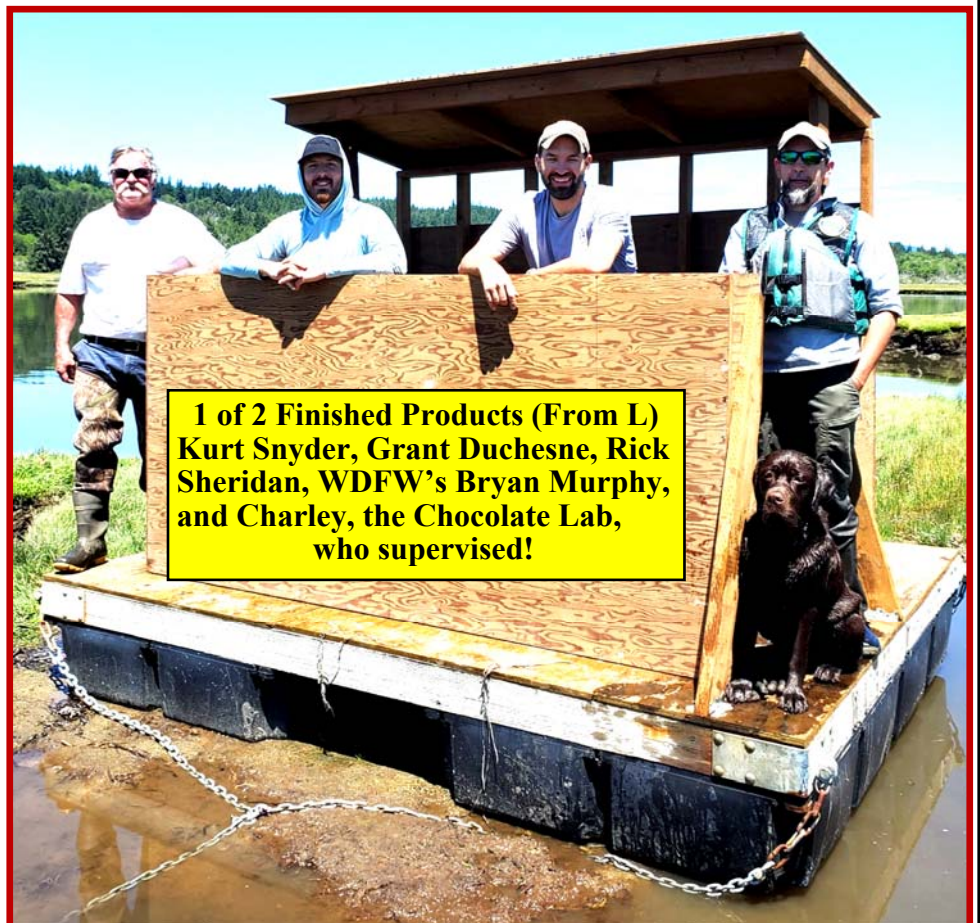
lol After that, the price of lumber went berserk — could not have happened at a worst time for the project.

I next asked for money. And we had donations come in from private donors; from **WWA Chapters** and a bonus check from **WWA Corporate** to make up for the sudden rise in lumber prices. We had enough, and I spent it as fast as I could to beat the daily rise in lumber.

The **Grays Harbor Chapter of the WWA** authorized use of their treasury for the funding in order to account for all project money. I was again wowed at the generosity of the donors and the willingness to get this project completed.

I broke the **URBP** into three (3) Phases.

- **Phase 1** we would make the two floating blinds usable by the 2021/2022 duck season.
- **Phase 2** would be to address the two (2) stick blinds and a new walk in blind with the use of another **ALEA** grant. Being a two-year cycle, we will have the stick blinds operational and Phase 2 completed by the 2023 season. The stick blinds will be constructed with lumber and have seats and roofs. A huge improvement over the prior T-post construction.



**1 of 2 Finished Products (From L)
Kurt Snyder, Grant Duchesne, Rick
Sheridan, WDFW's Bryan Murphy,
and Charley, the Chocolate Lab,
who supervised!**

GH Chapter News Continued



Blind 2 of 2

- **Phase 3** will be maintenance on all blinds in the **Union River Unit** and include any future expansion of trails to walk in blinds.

We completed Phase 1 of this project on the 19th of June. We have yet to schedule a short work party to turn one blind 90 degrees, and replace 15 feet of anchor chain. We need a 12.5 foot tide to float the blind for this adjustment, so it has to be delayed until Mother Nature helps us out.

Thanks, Thanks, and Thanks!

We have a WHOLE LOT of folks to thank for the completion of Phase 1. I will start by thanking **Grant Duchesne** for bringing to our attention, the bad shape of the blinds and volunteering his new duck boat for the project.

Next all the other volunteers that made the project happen! **Captain Tim Bartholomew** and his son **Zack**. **Tim** brought his boat out to the first two outings. **Tim** and **Zack** helped build the blinds.

Bryan Murphy, WDFW Biologist. **Bryan** was present all three (3) times we visited the blind sites and brought his boat along all three (3) times! He also helped build the blinds.

Rick Sheridan who helped build the blinds on site.

Scott Morrison, who brought his boat along to haul blind material and help build the blinds.

Gary Guinotte, who along with me, framed all the blind walls and roof sections in my driveway.

Lucas Marin of the **Hood Canal Salmon**

Enhancement Group for his boost to the project by getting our attention and buying the hardware and chains with the \$400 in left over **ALEA** grant money!

Also thanks to of you that volunteered but didn't get a chance to physically help out, as sometimes "Too many cooks do spoil the broth," and most times we simply didn't have enough space to physically accommodate all who wanted to help out. Hopefully we can get you all involved for the following Phases.

Now to Thank all the Generous Donors

First the personal donors (in alphabetical order)

Bill German; Treavor Morris; Mike Nilsen; Albert O'Conner; Brett Schwemmer; Rick Sheridan; Gary Talbert; and Patrick Tobin

WWA Chapters that donated

Northwest Chapter

Seattle Chapter

Southwest Chapter

Yakima Valley Chapter; and

WWA Board of Directors (Corporate funds)

I asked for financial help, and you all came through!

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GH Chapter News Continued

Also, many thanks the **WDFW Wildlife Area Manager, Darric Lowery** who is involved with our projects and has always cooperated with the **WWA**. He has made it easy for us to ply our conservation on the **Washington Wildlife Areas!**

And thanks to the **Port of Allyn Commissioners** for allowing us to use their facility free of charge in the process of this project.

Without **ALL OF YOU**, this project would not have happened! See you down the road in Phase 2!!!



Hope we didn't make the blinds too comfy, Grant Duchesne!

Youth Shooting Event **Cancelled** for 2021

First, our Chapter has **Cancelled** this year's **Colton Smith Memorial Youth Shooting Event**. We just cannot count on there being any target shells available, and we kind of got behind in advertising for it. We can now put all of our planning into a great **2022 Youth Shooting Event**.

Hen Houses

We can also put our biggest efforts into setting up some hen houses. We are expanding our nesting program with some nest tubes. We have a few good spots to put them up, and a plan to build and implement them soon.

The posts that we need for the hen houses are getting expensive so we would like to ask the membership to donate any used fence posts you may have. I have already received enough posts do at least six hen houses so far. We hope this will be a good start.

Cedarville Farms Hunt for Two Raffle Update

The **Cedarville Farms Hunt for Two Raffle** drawing is on the 2nd of October this year. That gives you all plenty of time to buy your tickets. All **WWA Chapters** are authorized to sell these tickets for their own funding! This is a great way to support your **WWA Chapter** and waterfowl conservation. See Flyer on **Page 18** linked [here](#).

Next Chapter Meeting

Our next Chapter meeting will be on the 5th of August. Same old place, the **Evergreen Sportsmen's Club**, just outside of Littlerock — 7:00 PM sharp. Everyone is welcome.

Thank you all for your continued support! We would get nothing done without you! No one promotes waterfowl conservation in **Washington State** like the **Washington Waterfowl Association!**

Please contact me about any post donations or if you have any questions about our chapter!

Kurt Snyder
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News for the Flock

Whatcom County Chapter News

By: Lyle Galloway

Drayton Harbor No Shooting Proposal Will Next Be Heard July 27th

Unfortunately a decision by the **Whatcom County Council** regarding a proposed No Shooting Zone in **Drayton Harbor** in **Whatcom County** (**Agenda Identification Item Number — AB2021-185**):

- previously kicked down the road from the original May 18, 2021 public hearing
- was further kicked down the road at its June 1, 2021 Council meeting;
- was further kicked down the road at its June 15, 2021 meeting last night; and
- currently is set to be brought up at their next **Council Meeting** on July 27th.

From the **Council's Action Summary** — page 6 — of the **June 15th Council Meeting** (linked [here](#)):

WITHDRAWN (on a 7-0 Council Vote)

"This item was withdrawn from Introduction and held in Committee."

[**Council Committee of the Whole**]

Reliable sources have told me that the 1,000 foot setback from shore that the moving party — **The Blaine City Council** — is proposing is substantially different from the 1,000 foot setback that the **Lummi Tribe** currently and voluntarily honors. In light of this, the **Lummi Tribe** had requested an in-person meeting with both the **Blaine City Council** and the **Whatcom County Council** and all of the **Elliott Bay Treaty Tribes**. At the time of publishing this Newsletter, word-on-the-street is that this meeting has yet to occur. Here's hoping something / somebody moves before the July 27, 2021 scheduled **Whatcom County Council** meeting.

Sea duck hunting by BOAT is the primary hunting protocol in **Drayton Harbor** that takes place over a half a mile from any beach or city boundary. This type of hunting is seasonal from early December to late January.

Executive Summary

1. A proposed ordinance to amend Whatcom County Code 9.32 was introduced to the Whatcom County Council on September 4, 2019 (see Attachment A), and public hearings were held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. However, no action was taken with regard to the proposed ordinance, and this remains an active item.
2. The request herein is to take action and pass the still-active, proposed ordinance. According to the Open Public Meetings Act, as there are no changes to the aforementioned proposed ordinance, additional public hearings are not required.
3. The proposed ordinance has the unqualified support from the Blaine City Council, as noted in Attachment A (Exhibits A and B), dated July 8, 2019.
4. **The Lummi Business Council was approached previously and gave verbal approval for the proposed ordinance, under the condition that Native treaty and hunting rights are not abridged. This condition is met in the proposed ordinance, which states that "Tribal members exercising treaty rights to hunt on traditional hunting grounds that are open and unclaimed are not subject to this [proposed] ordinance."**
5. When shooting is allowed near residential areas, even those that were previously rural, accidents occur. See, for example this news report from September 15, 2020 (audio may need to be turned on by clicking the speaker icon under the KIRO7 logo, lower right-hand corner): <https://bit.ly/3iJzwzZ>

Whatcom Chapter News Continued



No Shooting Zone – Drayton Harbor Area

PROPOSED BY: CITY OF BLAINE
INTRODUCTION DATE: SEPTEMBER 24, 2019

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AMENDING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE 9.32, UNLAWFUL DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS, TO ESTABLISH A NO SHOOTING ZONE IN THE DRAYTON HARBOR AREA OF WHATCOM COUNTY

WHEREAS, pursuant to Whatcom County Code 9.32.050 the County Council may, upon its own initiative, pass a resolution declaring its intent to form a no shooting zone; and

WHEREAS, on July 23, 2019, the Council approved Resolution 2019-035, declaring its intent to conduct a public hearing to consider creating a no shooting zone in the Drayton Harbor area of Whatcom County, as requested by the City of Blaine; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Whatcom County Code 9.32.020 and RCW 36.32.120 the County Council has the authority and power to establish no shooting zones; and

WHEREAS, a “no shooting zone” is an area designated by the County Council in which the discharge of firearms is prohibited; and

WHEREAS, RCW 9.41.300 (2) specifically states that counties may enact laws and ordinances restricting the discharge of firearms in any portion of their respective jurisdiction where there is a reasonable likelihood that humans, domestic animals, or property will be jeopardized; and

WHEREAS, according to the request submitted by the City of Blaine (see City of Blaine Resolution No. 1765-19, attached as Exhibit A to this resolution):

- It is difficult for members of the public to distinguish between incorporated and unincorporated areas, particularly on open water, which causes numerous hunters to inadvertently move into areas where hunting and discharge of firearms is illegal;
- Citizens have expressed concerns about gunfire near homes and property and repeatedly call for police response to such incidents;
- Unincorporated portions of Drayton Harbor aquatic area, tidelands, and shoreline are within and adjacent to urban growth areas;
- Population is expanding and housing density is increasing within the areas surrounding Drayton Harbor both within the City and in areas of unincorporated Whatcom County; and

WHEREAS, twenty-three other no shooting zones have been established throughout Whatcom County as a means to protect the public.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whatcom County Council that a new section of Whatcom County Code 9.32 shall be added to create a no-shooting zone in the Drayton Harbor area as outlined in Exhibit B to this ordinance.

BE IT FINALLY ORDAINED that Tribal members exercising treaty rights to hunt on traditional hunting grounds that are open and unclaimed are not subject to this ordinance.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2019.

News for the Flock

Southwest Chapter News

By Bruce Burns

2021 WA State Duck Calling Contest is Almost Here!

The **Southwest Chapter** would like to invite everyone to come join us at the **2021 Washington State Duck and Goose Calling Contests** on Saturday, August, 7th at the **Summer Sportsmen's Club**. For **GPS** purposes, the address is: **15711 96th Street East, Puyallup, WA. 98372**. See **Flyer** on adjacent **Page 9**.

There will be a live auction, silent auction, T shirts, hoodies (examples as shown below), **WWA-logo'd** hats and food and soft drinks. Make plans to come on out and see some of the best callers not only in the **Washington state**, but in the entire **NW Region!** In looking at other sanctioned (by Stuttgart) Duck Calling contests around the country advertising on social media, our first prize payout of \$1,000 to the winner matches the highest payout in the country, and beats most.

Next Chapter Meeting

The **WWA-SW Chapter** will be holding our next meeting on July 27, 2021 at the **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club** located at **16409 Canyon Road E., Puyallup, WA 98375** beginning at 6:30 pm in the **Education Building**.

WWA Hoodies Still For Sale

If you can't make it out to the Duck and Goose Calling Contests, we still have **WWA Hoodies** available to buy at only \$35 each (Green or Gray, see photos below). Contact me via my email at burns36@gmail.com. Payment would be by check made out to: **WWA-Southwest Chapter** and mailed to:

Bruce Burns
P.O. Box 1429
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WWA Hoodies, Gray Front



WWA Hoodies, Green Back

Saturday, August 7th, 2021
11:00 a.m.
at the
Sumner Sportsmans Club
Sumner, Washington



The 2021 Washington State Duck and Goose Calling Championships

Competitions Include:

Kids 12 and under Duck - Free
Novice Duck, 13 & up (has not previously competed) - \$15
Washington State Sanction Duck - \$35
Open Goose - \$30

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Prizes in all classes include:
Shotguns, Decoys, Free Bird Taxidermy Mount, Laydown Blind
and so much more...

Washington State Sanction Winner will receive \$1,000
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food and drinks will be available on site

Kids must pre-register no later than July 21st

Contact Nathan Neideigh: 1971handa@gmail.com, (253) 229-5794

Novice and State Sanction and Open Goose

Contact Rob Strong: ruckusoutfitters@yahoo.com (206) 714-0178

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Moses Lake Chapter News

By Dick Price

Unfortunately, our request for **Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account (ALEA)** grant money to support the **WA Stamp & Print Funds Request** for the **Royal Lakes Project** was denied. Hopefully, the funds from the **Stamp & Print Program** will be secured. We have funds from another source to carry on with the habitat part of the Project, it will just take a little longer.

The Project is slated to run from 7/1/2021 to 6/30/2023, so we have time to secure additional funds to complete the habitat part of the Project.

I have not heard from **Rich Finger** of **WDFW** on the status of replacing one of the **ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)** accessible blinds on the **Frenchman Restricted Access Area (RAA)** (f/k/a **Quality Hunt Area**), but am still assuming the program is a GO! All this working from home has brought most of the projects to a standstill. We had decided that the place to build the blind would be at the **WDFW shop in Moses Lake** to avoid the hassles associated with doing anything at the **WDFW Ephrata District Office**.

There are also two (2) **ADA** blinds donated by **Rick Spring** of Vancouver, WA and available for placement by the chapter through the assistance of **Dan Dickerson, WDFW ADA Chairman**. These blinds, which are currently disassembled, are at **Dan's** place in **Vancouver**, and need someone with a pickup to bring them to **Moses Lake**. **Bruce Feagan** promised a Moses Lake fishing trip for bass / walleye to the driver bringing them up. **Bob Taylor** of the **Lower Columbia Chapter** volunteered, but unfortunately a later conflict necessitated a change of his plans. **Kurt Snyder** of the **Grays Harbor Chapter** graciously stepped in and agreed to make the delivery in his stead.

Moses Lake Chapter Chapter Meeting

Bruce Feagan and **Dick Price** had 15 folks willing to attend a June 24th in-person **Moses Lake Chapter** meeting at **Potholes Reservoir**. Discussion centered on determining chapter goals and objectives for the near and long term future. The **Moses Lake** folks have already decided on holding quarterly meetings instead of monthly but have work parties and activities planned for this year in addition to their meetings.

Robin Hickok has turned over **Moses Lake Chapter Chair** duties to **Bruce** to push these new Chapter Initiatives forward.

WWA-Moses Lake Co-Sponsored FREE Trap Shoot

On August 28th, 2021 we will again be having the **FREE** trap shoot for all youth 18 and younger that possess either a hunting license or a **Hunter Ed Safety Card**. See the attached **Flyer** on adjacent **Page 11** for all the details.

Seattle Chapter News

Calum James Bednark Ono came into this world at 3:39 pm on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 7 pounds, 12 ounces, and 21 inches. Mother and child are both healthy and doing well.

Congratulations to proud parents **James Ono** and **Samantha Bednark** on their first child!

The Seattle Chapter Needs You!

If you are interested in serving as the Chapter Chair, please reach out to **James Ono** or **Chapter Secretary/Treasurer Tim Tinghino**. A general job description is posted on our chapter website page linked [here](#), as well as the emoluments of office which include a paid membership to the **Kenmore Gun Club**, currently split with **Tim**.

Your Donation Dollars at Work

Linked [here](#) is a **Ducks Unlimited (DU)** report on the completed and planned restoration projects in the **Desert Wildlife Area Unit** of the **Columbia Basin Wildlife Area**. Both the **Moses Lake** and **Seattle Chapters** contributed matching funds to various **North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA)** and other grants to make these projects a reality.

Be patient, it takes a few minutes to download the 1.57 GB mp4 video. The relevant portion is from minute 24 thru minute 35.

Spokane Chapter

Tri-Cities Chapter

Yakima Valley Chapter

No News This Month

News For the Flock

BROWNELL'S/NRA **FREE** YOUTH TRAP SHOOT

When: Saturday August 28th, 2021,

Time: From 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Where: American Legion Quincy Gun Club

14550 Road Q, N.W., Quincy, WA 98848

There will be **FREE** trap shooting for all youths 18 and under that possess either a hunter safety card or a hunting license. All shells and targets will be provided at no cost to the participants.

Youth Shooters must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Prizes, Give Aways and Food:

Youth Shooters will receive assorted **FREE** merchandise.

Lunch of Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Beverages, and Chips will be provided, also at no cost.

Have questions or for more information, contact either:

Dick Price: 509-762-9027 or **Tom O'Dell:** 509-764-8557

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Moses Lake Washington Waterfowl Assn,
Columbia Basin Pheasants Forever,
and the Quincy Gun Club.**

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Lower Columbia Chapter News

By: Doug Hargin

Shillapoo Wildlife Area Work Party

We rallied at **Fazio's** Ag shops off **Lower River Road** for our work party on Wednesday, June 16th, at the **Shillapoo Wildlife Area**. Sheet metal, rail road tie posts, T-posts and barbed wire fencing were uncovered from prescribed burning done recently.

Our group cut and bundled wire, pulled posts and gathered the sheet metal onto trailers. It was good to see **Shillapoo Wildlife Area Manager Daren Hauswald** and his assistant **Zack** as we cleaned up the hunt area. Thanks to the **LC Chapter** members able make the work party: **Ted Blade, Dino Mastri, Rick Scott, Al O'Connor, Bill Dose, Cliff Pepper, Dan Hafenbrack, Doug Hargin, Phil Proper and Hobie Herbert**. We plan to have another work group later this summer to replace and add blinds.

Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge Update

Chapter Chair **Ted Blade** Vice-Chair **Michael**

Andreotti had a "MS Teams Call" meeting with **Ridgefield Refuge Complex Manager Juliette Fernandez** on Tuesday July 6th. The gist of the call was to update us on the plans for the hunt program this season and upcoming work parties. Like most federal agencies they are moving slowly on the Covid-19 front, but she seemed hopeful that hunting would be closer to what we have experienced pre-Covid.

The same for a work party out on the refuge prior to the hunt season. They are again checking into an outside contractor for the draw system similar to what other refuges are using but no decisions on that yet. **Juliette** expressed her desire to work with **WWA** and hunters to improve the hunt area experience. Please bring your constructive input to the next chapter meeting or to one of our officers to share with **Juliette** at the meeting next month.



LC Chapter Chair Ted Blade and a tandem axle trailer full of clean up materials collected from the Shillapoo Wildlife Area.

Sam Devlin Cackler Boat for Sale -

New Price - ~~\$5,800~~, now \$5,000!

We still have a boat to sell for a chapter fundraiser! Built and donated by chapter member, **Bob Taylor**. The vessel is a **Cackler 14 kit boat** from **Devlin Design and Boat Building** that **Bob** put together. It's a fiberglass and epoxy boat with an **Evinrude 30hp E-Tec** outboard motor, **Lowrance** Fish Finder on an **EZ Loader** trailer (see photos in the **WWA Classifieds Ads** on **Page 19**, linked [here](#)).

The boat's claim to fame is safety and stability in big water even in nasty conditions. We took it out for a test run in the Columbia River under choppy conditions, and the boat handled it's 700 lb. payload with no problem! Thank you, **Bob**, for your generous fundraising donation!

Banquet/BBQ/Trap Shoot

At our June Chapter meeting we set a tentative date of August 28th to ease back in to our fund-raising banquet on a smaller level. Arrangements are in process for using the **Vancouver Trap Club** as a venue. Watch your emails for updates.

Please Contribute

We need your input for the newsletter. Hunting stories, unusual experiences and/or photos. New tech help and gear, advice and ideas you can share, experiences hunting other venues. Whatever would interest you to read about in this newsletter. Submit them to me at: dlhargin@msn.com. Thank you!

News for the Flock

Northwest Chapter News

By: Rick Billieu

Learn the Samish Unit at this Blind Build

The dates are set for two (2) blind build events at the **Samish Unit**. We will be building five (5) new blinds and repairing a few others that have seen lots of use during the prior seasons.

NW Chapter members have selected **July 24th** and **August 7th** to accomplish the new blind builds. We'll meet with **Greg Meis (WDFW Assistant Manager Skagit Wildlife Area)** a week prior to the build dates to sort out the plan details, and send out a bulk emailing to chapter members with the specifics.

WDFW has already procured all of the materials. This is a GREAT opportunity for those new chapter members and members of **ALL Chapters** who have never hunted the area to learn (in the pressure free off-season the subtleties of the shallow ponds and swales of the **Samish Unit** that are flooded during the waterfowl season. If you're interested in supporting this activity, contact **Rick Billieu** at rgbillieu@frontier.com. Thank you to those who have already volunteered.

The **Samish Unit** is part of the **Skagit Wildlife Area** and consists of 410 acres of grass, seasonal wetlands and agricultural fields. Approximately 193 acres of barley, fava beans and corn are planted annually on the site. Funding for the agricultural enhancements on this unit is provided through the **Washington State Duck Stamp** program.

This unit sees a considerable amount of waterfowl hunting throughout the season. There are many hunting blinds on the unit. Several blinds are in disrepair and a few more recently built blinds are in great shape.

WWA-NW Chapter meets on the second Wednesday each month at the **Twin Cities Sportsmen's Club** in **Stanwood**. Trap at 6:00 pm and business meeting starting at 7 pm. Raffle at the end of each meeting. See you there and bring a friend.

See and like our Facebook page **Northwest Washington Waterfowl Association** at:

<https://www.facebook.com/waducks.org>

Support your Passion – Get Involved

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WWA Legislative News

WA Legislative Report

By Mark Pidgeon
President, Hunters Heritage Council

Editor's Note: This article is written entirely by the **Hunters Heritage Council (HHC)**, a Washington State based organization dedicated to political action on behalf of the hunting and related communities of Washington. The **Washington Waterfowl Association (WWA)** had no input into this article. This article is in this newsletter because of **WWA's** membership in **Washingtonians for Wildlife Conservation (WWC)**. **WWC** is a member organization of **HHC**. The opinions contained in this article are entirely those of the author, and the **Hunters Heritage Council (HHC)**.

The Fight for Good WDFW Commissioners is Never Over

I said in my June 2021 article — and I stand by it — the **WDFW Commission** system is fundamentally broken, and it needs a major overhaul. The political reality is we are not going to be able to fix it, and we can do one of two things.

1. We can throw up our hands like a bunch of whiny little babies and cry about it; or
2. We can man up and fight about it.

I don't know about you, but for the last 46 years, I've done the latter. No matter what the odds, I've chosen to fight. Our children and grandchildren need us. I am going to repeat the balance doctrine set forth in WA statutory law.

[RCW 77.04.040](#)

Commission—Qualifications of members.

Persons eligible for appointment as members of the commission shall have general knowledge of the habits and distribution of fish and wildlife and shall not hold another state, county, or municipal elective or appointive office. In making these appointments, the governor shall seek to maintain a balance reflecting all aspects of fish and wildlife, including representation recommended by organized groups representing sportfishers, commercial fishers, hunters, private landowners, and environmentalists. Persons eligible for

appointment as fish and wildlife commissioners shall comply with the provisions of chapters 42.52 and * 42.17 RCW.

We do have the **RCW's** on our side. The Commission is out of balance on the radical environmentalists / animal-rights side, and it needs to be tilted back.

The Tribes are our Allies on This

I want to really clarify the statement of tribal alliances. The Tribes work with us when it is beneficial for them. The Tribes do want to meet at the table and have cases where everyone wins, but their first goal is their own self-interest. Can you blame them?

When the **Hunters Heritage Council (HHC)** goes to Olympia to lobby, do you think we are looking for what's beneficial for what's best for the animal-rights groups? No, we are looking for what's best for the hunting community. When the Tribes and the hunting community can ally on issues of mutual self-interest, then the Tribes are more than happy to ally with us.

Luckily there are a whole lot of issues we share with the Tribes, and the Tribes absolutely hate the animal-rights people. On issues that **WWA** cares about, they may not be on the same side of the fence on issues like breaching freshwater dikes, but there are many others we do share in common, and a big one is **Drayton Harbor**. Another one is good people on the **WDFW Commission**. They don't want Anti's on the Commission either.

I said this last month, and I say it again, the WA legislative mandate in [RCW 77.04.012](#) on hunting and fishing means very little:

The commission shall attempt to maximize the public recreational game fishing and hunting opportunities of all citizens, including juvenile, disabled, and senior citizens.

The biggest thing this statute does — it keeps the radical Commissioners from eliminating hunting and fishing, that would violate the legislative mandate. The best thing that we can do to counter the terrible threesome of **Barbara Baker, Fred Koontz, and Lorna Smith**, is by continuing to flood our suggestions thru the Governor's portal linked [here](#).

This can't be stressed enough. If we are unwilling to spend 10 minutes of time to change the future of wildlife in our state, then we get what we deserve from this governor.

Legislative News Continued

Keep up the Pressure for Your Preference on the WDFW Commission

Even if you have already expressed your opinion to **Governor Jay Inslee** about your choice for filling the final two (2) appointments to the **Fish and Wildlife Commission**, Washington Sportsmen/women need to keep the pressure on by demonstrating your continuing preference of **Rylan Weythman** for appointment to the **Commission**. Though you may have previously used the online portal (linked [here](#) and below), please do it again! The best way to keep **Rylan's** name in front of the Governor is numerous — and yes, even repeated recommendations — for his appointment!

Rylan is an avid hunter and fisher, and not just waterfowl but also big game, turkey, and upland birds. His personal background gives him unique personal knowledge of both sides of the Cascades. He and his wife **Sara**, a school teacher, currently reside in **Okanogan County**, after spending the better part of the last 10 years in **King County**.

He was raised and schooled near **Wenatchee** -- specifically **Cashmere** -- where he spent most of his summers (and more) fishing for salmon on the nearby **Columbia River**. He left **Cashmere** to go to college and law school in California. In 2012 he returned to Washington and is currently a Partner at the prominent law firm of **Foster Garvey**, where he is a litigation attorney.

Support one of our own. Support someone who has sat in the same blinds, glassed the same clear cuts, fished the same holes, and who shares the same core values as you and the Washington Hunting and Fishing Community.

Keep **Rylan's** name in the forefront of public discussion regarding future appointments to the **Commission**. Take a few moments to express your continuing support of **Rylan** to the **Fish and Wildlife Commission** using the following **WA State Government Portal** linked [here](#).

Click on **Fish and Wildlife Commission**, then follow the prompts. When it asks for **Rylan's** email address, he has given his consent to use his business email at: Rylan.Weythman@Foster.com



Rylan Weythman



News for the Flock

JOIN THE WWA HUNTER MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Building the next generation of hunters



PARTICIPATE IN 2+ HUNTS WITH YOUR MENTEE

HELP NEW MEMBERS LEARN:

SAFETY – ETTIQUITTE – SPORTSMANSHIP – REGULATIONS – LICENSES

HUNTING ACCESS – DECOYS – CALLING – CONCEALMENT

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MENTOR OR A MENTEE

PLEASE REACH OUT TO PAUL MCGOVERN AT HANS1031@FRONTIER.COM

The Mission:

The goal of the WWA Hunter Mentorship Program is to try to lessen the barriers to entry into the bird hunting world. Many new hunters just want to have an introduction of how to find places to hunt and a strategy to hunt that spot. We want to grow the sport and share with new hunters the basics of safety, etiquette, and general best practices. Our overall goal is to show new hunters that they can have success and have a lot of fun bird hunting, and the best way is to help them get started.

For Mentors:

By volunteering as a Mentor, you are committing to coordinating two or more hunts throughout the year. This includes picking a spot, providing decoys, accommodating transportation, and including your Mentee in the planning process. We encourage Mentors to show their Mentee how they hunt, but also show them how to hunt in a way that they can recreate (i.e. if they don't have a boat, dog, etc.)

For Mentees:

This is not a guide service. Hunting requires work, and there are no guarantees. Some days we go home empty handed. Enjoy the experience as a whole. As the saying goes, a bad day hunting beats a good day working. If you stick with it, put in the work, and make a serious attempt to learn, you will find success.

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The **WWA** is based on volunteer efforts and donations from folks that care about the waterfowl hunting heritage. Our success rides on the shoulders of these volunteers and generous benefactors. Below in **red** is a listing of recent contributions to the five (5) primary funds established by the **WWA** since publication of the **June 2021 Newsletter**.

WWA General Fund — \$1,533

WWA Habitat Fund — \$1,640

WWA Heritage Lands Fund — \$11,077

WWA Legal Fund — \$19,753.52

WWA Youth Fund — \$1,810

You can contribute in so many ways to the **WWA**, from locally in your Chapter, to statewide, helping the **WWA** carry on! Many donations are tax deductible.

TWIN RIVERS BIRD TAXIDERMÝ

Basic quotes for the mount are set. The customer is tasked with deciding a habitat and pose for their bird and a final quote can be decided once the habitat scene is narrowed down.

Bases are entirely custom, and the cost is also custom!

Regular prices for the bird mount only (without a base) are:

- One duck mount is \$300.
- One goose mount is \$450.
- One pheasant mount is \$250.

Other Terms and Conditions:

- Bird sent in before Thanksgiving **NEED TO BE FROZEN** and **SHIPPED OVERNIGHT**. Afterwards two (2) day mail is OK.
- Birds **MUST** be placed in double ziplocks, with a filled out federal tag in the outer bag. Pen ink can bleed onto the bird.
- A list of other requirements will be sent and is to be signed by the hunter **PRIOR TO** any shipping and engagement of my services.
- I will not be held responsible for a bird that is lost to rot, extensive damage, heavy amounts of pinfeathers, dog bite or slobber damage, freezer burn nor any other damage caused by improper storage by the hunter prior to my receipt of the bird.



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Active Link to >>>: [Twin Rivers Bird Taxidermy FB Page](#)

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GH Chapter News Continued



OCTOBER 2nd, 2021 HUNT FOR TWO RAFFLE

Presented by; Cedarville Farms Waterfowl Club and the Grays Harbor Chapter of the Washington Waterfowl Assoc.

Two chances at a hunt for two with each ticket purchase. Win a one day, fully guided waterfowl hunt for two at Cedarville Farms Waterfowl Club exclusive properties. Overnight lodging included. All equipment provided except hunters licensing.



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Ticket price is \$5.00 each or \$20.00 per five

Tickets make great gifts for that hunter that you know!

You get TWO chances with each ticket!

Need not be present to win!

See your local WWA Chapter for purchase or contact below!

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Waterfowl Assn.**

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kurtsnyder@outdrs.net

Classified Ads – For Sale / Wanted

FREE

WWA Classifieds

WWA is dedicating a page in the newsletter for WWA Members to sell hunting related items to their fellow members. **No business ads please.** That extra shotgun, waders, decoys or boat could get you some cash or trade for something another member has on hand.

Rules are simple:

- 25 words or less.
- Members only may advertise.
- For sale items only, not for business ads.
- Submit your classified ad each month (*we have no way of knowing if you sold/purchased your item or not*).
- Include your contact info. Phone and/or email.

For Sale

Browning A-5 Auto 12 gauge Magnum w/Full choke (can be opened to Mod.), VG Condition. \$1000

Contact Robb 206-909-7189

Bismuth Shot for reloading, \$10/lb. have some #2, #6, and #7.5 shot sizes, call for details,

Contact Robert 206-909-7189

Two (2) Decoy Carts — one with dual bicycle tires; one with dual balloon tires depending upon the terrain that you have to traverse. **\$50 each. Contact John, 425-894-4080**

Boot Foot Chest Waders, Brown in color; Size 10. Lightly used, **\$25** See box label below.

Contact Dan, 206-543-1300



WWA-Lower Columbia Chapter Fund Raiser — For Sale: 14ft Fiberglass and Epoxy Boat. Cackler model by Sam Devlin Design. EZ Load Trailer, Depth Finder, 30HP E-Tec (like new). \$5,800 – New Price \$5,000! Donated by Bob Taylor. Call Rick Scott for more photos and information — 360-921-0190.

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MEET THE 2021 WASHINGTON STATE DUCK STAMP COMPETITION WINNER AND WASHINGTON WATERFOWL ASSOCIATION'S ARTIST OF THE YEAR



Denise D. Nelson

Denise D. Nelson of Sherrills Ford, NC is a traditional oil painter working in the time-honored techniques of classical realism. Ms. Nelson earned a BFA in Studio Painting from the **University of North Carolina at Greensboro**. Ms. Nelson's career as a professional artist spans over 30 years including gallery and publisher representation, participation in juried exhibits, duck stamp and wildlife art competition, and extensive private and corporate commission work. Ms. Nelson has worked with wildlife conservation organizations including **NC Ducks Unlimited, NC Wildlife Resources Commission, SC Department of Natural Resources, SC Quail Unlimited, and the Coastal Conservation Association of Georgia**. Corporate commissions include **NC Ducks Unlimited Sponsor** prints, and limited-edition wine labels and artwork created exclusively for the **Biltmore Estate** in Asheville, NC.

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2021/22 Washington Migratory Bird Stamp Print Order Form

The Washington Waterfowl Association is pleased to present the 2021
Washington State Migratory Bird Stamp and
Limited Edition Print.

Artist Denise D. Nelson



Revenue received through this program will be used by the Washington Waterfowl Association and the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife, to improve habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds in Washington.

To order your print(s) and accompanying stamps, please complete the application on the adjacent page and send with check to:

**Washington Waterfowl Association
Duck Stamp Program
18207 Rhodes Lake Road
E. Bonney Lake, WA 98391**

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2021 Washington Migratory Bird Stamp Print Order Form

Please send me:



Quantity ____: unframed print(s) and stamp(s)

Quantity ____: frame for print & stamp



If available, the edition number(s) I would like are: _____

Please Ship Prints to:

Name _____

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I have included \$70.00 for each unframed print & stamp for a total of \$ _____.00

I have included \$175.00 for each framed print/stamp for a total of \$ _____.00

*Shipping and Handling \$ 10.00

Total Amount: \$ _____.00

-- Easier Yet --

Go to

<https://www.washingtonduckstamp.com/shop>

to place your order

News For the Flock

The Hunter's Table

By James Ono

Pheasant Katsu

We are mixing it up this month and talking about some other game birds. This is another relatively easy recipe that is sure to be a crowd pleaser.

For frying oil, use an oil with a higher smoke point. I usually use Canola oil. Peanut oil is another good choice. I would avoid extra virgin olive oil.

I use a tenderizing hammer to flatten my breasts, but if you don't have one, you can use a frying pan or the back of a heavy knife. It is also common to put plastic wrap over the meat when you are tenderizing it to prevent cross-contamination.

For dredging, I place my flour, egg, and panko in 3 small, deep plates in order of how I am going to be using them. You can use plates, bowls, or any sort of container you like.

If you decide you want to make a large batch of this month's recipe, make sure not to overcrowd your pan. This will drop your oil below the optimal temperature and will affect how well it cooks.

Ingredients

2 Skinless Pheasant Breast Halves
Salt
Pepper
2 Tbsp flour
1 egg beaten
½ Cup Panko Bread Crumbs
Frying Oil

Preheat about ¼ inch of oil in a pan on medium-high heat, if your oil is smoking turn it down a little bit.

Using a tenderizing hammer, pound the breast lobes so that they are about a half inch thick. This will help with uniform doneness when frying.

Season the breast with salt and pepper to taste.

In three (3) separate dishes put your flour, beaten egg, and panko.

Dredge the pheasant in the flour and shake off any excess. Dip it into the egg.

Then press the breast into the panko crumbs on both sides. Place the breast into your frying oil.

Cook for 3-4 minutes or until golden brown. Flip it and cook for another 3-4 minutes or until golden brown.

Serve with steamed rice, katsu sauce, and a side salad.

Katsu is a fruity, spicy-sweet curry that originated in the late 1800's with a western-Indian influence. It was known as *katsuretsu*, and was first made with beef or pork. Now it is a hugely popular dish that is a favorite on the truck-street-food scene as well as in high-end restaurants.

Enjoy!



News from USFWS

Refuge Conditions, Hunt Season Update Lower Klamath & and Tule Lake NWR

By US Fish & Wildlife Service

July 2021

Klamath Basin National Wildlife Refuge Complex (NWRC)

The Klamath basin **National Wildlife Refuge Complex** is made up of six (6) Refuges in the **Klamath Basin that include Tule Lake, Upper Klamath, Lower Klamath, Klamath Marsh, Bear Valley, and Clear Lake**, whose combined mission is to protect what remains of what once was the largest wetlands area west of the Mississippi River. These surviving wetlands remain a highly managed yet critical part of the **Pacific Flyway**, a place where migrating waterfowl can rest and refuel.

The Kuchel Act

After nearly a decade of debate between agricultural interests and conservationists over the future of the refuges, **The Kuchel Act of 1964** dedicated the lands within the boundaries of **Tule Lake** and **Lower Klamath NWRs** to wildlife conservation ***for the purpose of waterfowl management***, with a mandate of continuing an agricultural leasing program consistent with "proper waterfowl management." At a time, when agricultural crops were viewed as a requirement for waterfowl in the **Klamath Basin**, and **Tule Lake** and **Lower Klamath NWRs** held ***unparalleled fall waterfowl populations of 5 to 7 million birds***, the bill was viewed as a win-win solution. The debate continues to this day.

COVID Restriction Impacts

USFWS had to stop aerial surveys in November based on risk to staff in the confined space of the plane. As a result, this year's report does not have all the information last year's report did due to the limited data that could be collected. Information provided in this report may be inconclusive due to limited data.

The hunt draw format was changed and moved from indoors to self-serve in the parking lot. Interaction between refuge staff and the public was limited and some of your concerns may not have been conveyed.

Setting the Stage for Discussion

The **Klamath Basin** is entering a second year of severe drought and water shortages. Conditions are the worst they have been in 40 years. Klamath basin wetlands, waterbirds, fish, and communities (Tribes, Agriculture, Conservation, Recreation) are all suffering due to the challenges around water availability and delivery. Drought conditions are impacting everyone. The **Klamath Basin** is

losing wetlands at a rapid rate both the physical loss of acres and functional loss of flooded habitat.

National Wildlife Refuges in the **Klamath Basin** continue to face the greatest threats they have experienced since the 1920's. ***Waterbird populations are not only the lowest in the refuge's history but importantly Klamath Basin wide indicating a collapse of the most important staging area in the Pacific Flyway.*** The refuge's goal is to increase the staging population of migrating waterfowl on **LKNWR** and **TLNWR**.

Refuge staff want to increase the value of these refuges throughout the year but specifically see increasing populations during the breeding and fall migration periods. Refuge staff are doing this by working within limitations to bring habitat online equitably (Sanctuary/Hunt).

Water is Everything

Recent publications by **Intermountain West Joint Venture** indicate the biggest limiting factor for fall migrating waterfowl in the **Pacific Flyway** is the availability of water on Public Managed Lands. The current biological opinion has effectively modelled **LKNWR** out of the fall migration picture and reduced water deliveries to both **LKNWR** and **TLNWR** to a level that proper waterfowl and wetland management is impossible.

Even in the best of the recent water years delivery of water has been 50% or less of the volume needed to properly manage the **LKNWR** for waterbirds. Water deliveries continue to come too late to effectively match habitat with migration chronology. Water availability is now becoming an issue at **TLNWR** where the greatest flexibility of water management has historically occurred. This impacts wetlands, endangered species habitat needs, and the agricultural community which provides leave and waste grain to help support waterfowl, pheasants, and non-game Wildlife.

Without appropriate water deliveries waterfowl populations are going to continue to decline, [and] this directly impacts hunting opportunities.

Everyone has their issues with refuge management but if the water issues are not fixed everyone loses.

The full report is linked [here](#).

WDFW News Briefs

TREASURER's REPORT

At its February 27, 2018 Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting, the WWA Board voted to stop publishing our monthly financial report in the Newsletter which is available to the general public on our website [www.waduck.org].

However, in an effort to maintain and continue our history of financial transparency with respect to our membership, the monthly Treasurer's Report will be emailed to not only the BOD, but also to each and every Chapter Chairman to be made available for inspection and review by the Chapter membership or any individual Chapter member in good standing with dues paid current at any regularly scheduled Chapter Meeting.



2021-22 Regs Are Out; Linked [Here](#)

See Migratory Game Bird Season Summary on [Page 18](#) of the Pamphlet, (Page 20 of the Link).

WDFW-Managed Wildlife Area Units Closed Due to Lick Creek Fire

SPOKANE – July 12, 2021—The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has closed several wildlife area units in SE Washington for public safety due to the Lick Creek (formerly known as Dry Gulch) Fire burning in Asotin County, as well as to give firefighters space to respond.

Closed areas include the **W.T. Wooten Unit** of the **W.T. Wooten Wildlife Area**, the **4-0 Ranch** and **Grouse Flats** units of the **Chief Joseph Wildlife Area**, and the **Asotin Creek** and **Weatherly** units of the **Asotin Creek Wildlife Area**.

“While these closures may be inconvenient to some, we feel it is the safest and most responsible action we can take to keep members of the public and first responders safe,” said **Steve Pozzanghera**, WDFW’s Eastern Region Director. “Other public lands agencies are also closing areas to the public, and we support their efforts to fight this fire and make safety a top concern.”

WDFW’s closures are in coordination with fire-related **U.S. Forest Service** closures on the **Umatilla National Forest**. WDFW expects that the wildlife area units may be closed for approximately a month or until conditions improve. Other areas could be closed as needed. Signs will be posted at all closed areas.

Popular water access areas on the **Grande Ronde River** that are not within the closed wildlife area units remain open at this time, including **Boggan’s**, **Heller Bar**, and **Cougar Creek**.

More information on this fire is available at: inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/7615/. For more information about fire prevention on public lands, visit the **Washington Department of Natural Resources'** website or the **U.S. Forest Service's** website.

WDFW stewards over 700,000 acres of public land in **Eastern Washington** which are managed to protect lands and water for wildlife and people.

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If you have not received your membership card or decal. Please contact **Mark**. As well, if you have questions or changes to your address please contact **Mark Pidgeon** at marpwwa@gmail.com or call 425-221-3986.

WWA Life Members

JOIN THE HERITAGE CLUB of Life Members

Bronze \$500 Member; Silver \$1,000 Member; Gold, \$2,000 Member H = Honorary Members; D = Deceased

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New Levels of Life Membership

Effective June 1, 2021, WWA converted to three (3) different levels of Life Membership acknowledging that ALL WWA Life memberships are “Sustaining” to the organization. Those three (3) new levels along with their respective emoluments are:

Bronze Level Life Membership — \$500.00 (USD)

Includes one WWA Logo'd Belt Buckle OR one Pacific Calls WWA Logo'd Duck Call.

Silver Level Life Membership — \$1,000.00 (USD)

Includes one Pacific Calls WWA Logo'd Duck Call AND one WWA Logo'd embroidered “Life Member” Jacket.

Gold Level Life Membership — \$2,000.00 (USD)

Includes one Pacific Calls WWA Logo'd Duck Call, AND one WWA Logo'd embroidered “Life Member” Jacket, AND one guided Duck or Goose hunt for one.

All will include the option to decline the gift[s] accompanying their respective membership in order to provide maximum financial support to WWA.

All formerly \$750 “Sustaining” Life Members were automatically “bumped up” to the new Silver Life Member Level with no additional necessary payment nor any new emoluments of membership awarded.

If you have a question about the level of your Life Membership as listed above, please contact **John Arrabito** at jarrabito@comcast.net or Mark Pidgeon, and we will be happy to help you by researching WWA records to make sure that we have the correct information about your existing Life Membership support of WWA.

THANK YOU ALL for your “sustaining” support of the Washington Waterfowl Association.



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FARMLAND AND PUBLIC ACCESS PRESERVATION

The WWA is launching a private land/public access program called *Heritage Lands*. The goal is farmland preservation and public outdoor recreation opportunity, with the initial implementation in the Skagit and Stillaguamish River valleys.

DON'T let your Heritage Lands Turn from this into....



This Program will **Purchase Farmland, Preserve it, Conserve it, Promote it, Maintain it, and Manage it for Waterfowl and Public Hunting for you and the Next Generation.**

We need your personal, corporate, or in-kind commitment to help us exceed our goal of \$300,000! We currently have a benefactor that will match the first \$2,000. Contact Rone Brewer to donate (206) 595-7481.

Every Donation Helps! WWW.WADUCK.ORG

For additional information please contact:

**Rone Brewer, (206) 595-7481
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Skagit Valley Photos
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WWA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Bronze Lifetime* — | \$ | 500.00 | (New, 6/1/2021) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Silver Lifetime* — | \$ | 1,000.00 | (New, 6/1/2021) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Gold Lifetime* — | \$ | 2,000.00 | (New, 6/1/2021) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | ** Please check box if you do not wish to receive a gift. | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Senior (65 or over) - | \$ | 15.00 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Junior (under age 18) -- | \$ | 15.00 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 2-Year Regular | \$ | 50.00 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 2-Year Family | \$ | 60.00 | |
- (2-year memberships not available online)

Chapter & Newsletter: (Please specify your preferences)Newsletter by email or hard copy

- Grays Harbor/Chehalis Valley Chapter** meets the 1st Thursday of the month (Feb – Oct) at the **Evergreen Sportsmen's Club**, 12736 Marksman Road, SW, Olympia.
- Kitsap Peninsula Chapter — VACANT**
- Lower Columbia Chapter** meets the last Thursday of the month (Jan – Oct) at the **Vancouver Trap Club**, 11100 NE 76th Street in Vancouver.
- Moses Lake Chapter** – Dates and Places Quarterly TBD.
- Northwest Chapter** meets year round the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the **Twin City Sportsmen's Club**, 26933 64th Ave NW Stanwood.
- Seattle Chapter** meets the 4th Wednesday of the month (Jan – Oct) at **Kenmore Shotgun Range**, 1031 – 228th Street SW, Bothell.
- Southwest Chapter** meets on the last Tuesday of the month (Feb – Sept) at the **Tacoma Sportsmen's Club**, 16409 Canyon Road E., Puyallup.
- Spokane Chapter** — Dates and places TBD.
- Tri Cities Chapter** — Dates and places TBD.
- Whatcom County Chapter** meets the 1st Tuesday of the of the month (Jan – Nov.) at **Laurel Farm & Western Supply** in Bellingham.
- Yakima Valley Chapter** — Dates and places TBD.

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A few facts about the WWA:

- Established in 1945
- Non-profit 501(c)(3) organization
- 10 chapters throughout Washington
- We spend all of our resources within Washington State

Our projects include:

- Working on behalf of Hunter's Rights issues to keep public access open and available
- Administration of the WA Migratory Bird Stamp and Print Program
- Hosting and sponsoring the Washington State Duck Calling Championships
- Wood Duck Nest Box & Mallard Nest Tube, Goose Nest Pot & platform construction, installation, & maintenance
- Working with the Boy Scouts of America on Eagle Scout projects
- Hosting Youth Mentor shotgun shooting one-on-one instruction events
- Conducting NRA sanctioned Hunter Education classes for Youth & donation of funds to offset WDFW printing costs for youth gun safety classes
- Donation of funds to support high school shooting teams in Washington
- Teaching adults and youth decoy carving arts
- Working with thousands of children at Sportsman's Show painting decoys, and with seriously ill youngsters on a decoy painting project
- Providing scholarships for boys and girls to attend a week at Youth Conservation Camp on Orcas Island, WA
- Working with the WDFW in the creation of premium quality hunt waterfowling areas
- Building and rehabilitating blinds in public hunting areas
- Distribution and planting of thousands of pounds of donated corn seed for waterfowl consumption
- Working with the Yakama Tribe in banding upland birds and waterfowl, and building duck "blinds" on tribal lands
- Goose and duck nest counts and banding of both with the WDFW and USFWS
- Working with the WDFW on dove counts & planting WDFW food plots in Eastern WA with WWA owned tractor and farming implements
- Sponsoring of the Annual NW Decoy Collector's Show
- Participating in multiple Sportsman's shows annually
- Donation of funds and volunteer man hours for Swan Mortality Mitigation Studies
- Donation of funds and man hours to WDFW for goose banding and satellite tracking
- Litter pickup projects at public hunting areas, boat ramps, and along highways; and conducting multiple fund raising banquets annually to pay for all of these "hands on" conservation projects.